

By this Amendment, the claims are amended to address the various grounds of rejection set forth in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1 and 6-11 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by MacLean. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as it may apply to claims 1 and 6-11.

By this Amendment, independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of prior claims 2-5, and other features. Applicants respectfully submit that MacLean does not anticipate the subject matter of amended claim 1. In particular, MacLean does not disclose an airframe/nozzle arrangement for a VTOL or STOVL aircraft having an airframe mounted propulsion system for generating vertical lift, the arrangement comprising a discharge nozzle an exit opening in an underside of the airframe, a hinged deflector door pivotally mounted on the underside of the airframe for exhaust efflux deflection, the deflector door being provided with a pair of lateral sidewalls which are pivotally movable with respect to the deflector door and connected for co-ordinated pivotal movement, wherein the sidewalls each define one side of the pivotally movable yaw deflector to direct the efflux sideways for aircraft yaw control, as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, MacLean does not anticipate the subject matter of amended claim 1, or of dependent claims 6-11. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 6-11 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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